

Senator Moolenaar offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 191.

A resolution to congratulate the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team for their service and commitment to the conservation of the jack pine and Kirtland's warbler.

Whereas, The Kirtland's warbler is one of North America's rarest native birds and is on the Endangered Species List; and

Whereas, The jack pine forest of northern Michigan is the warbler's preferred nesting place; and

Whereas, The rare Kirtland's warbler attracts people from all over the world to bird-watch, benefitting Michigan's economy; and

Whereas, As recently as 1987, the Kirtland's warbler population was fewer than 400. In 2013, the population was approximately 4,000 birds. The population has recovered to a point where it is now considered stable; and

Whereas, The Kirtland's warbler is a conservation-reliant species that requires continual human intervention on its behalf; and

Whereas, The recovery of the Kirtland's warbler population was guided by the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team, which is comprised of representatives of government agencies, academia, and stakeholders; and

Whereas, The Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team has been acknowledged as a model for endangered species recovery; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we commend and congratulate the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team for their service and commitment to the conservation of the jack pine and Kirtland's warbler; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Huron Pines Kirtland's Warbler Initiative, the Michigan Audubon Society, and the National Audubon Society.